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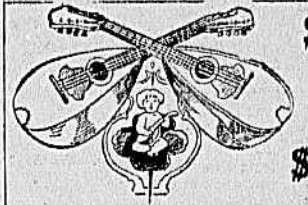
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## Letters to Santa Claus

(Continued From Tenth Page.)

Richmond, Va., Dec. 16, 1903.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl ten years old. I am so glad Christmas is so near. Santa, I don't know what to ask for. I want a school bell and desk and a chair and a few more things. I will hang my stockings up and I want you to fill it up, and bring little sister a pretty doll, with dark hair and blue eyes.

From your little girl,  
JANE NUCKOLS,  
Richmond, Va.

Richmond, Va., December 16, 1903.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl seven years old. I haven't started to school, and I can spend a happy Christmas. Santa, I want a little doll with light hair and knit stockings on her. I want a pretty one, Santa. So I believe this is all, so I will have to close.

From your little girl,  
MARY NUCKOLS,  
Richmond, Va., Dec. 17, 1903.

Dear Santa: I will write to inform you what I want. I want you to bring me a pair of gloves, some collars, candy, cakes and nuts and don't forget my doll baby and a tea set. By so doing you will greatly oblige.

MATTIE SAWYERS,  
623 North Twenty-seventh Street, city.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 17, 1903.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl eleven years old, and I want you to bring me a ring, a pair of gloves, a game and a little washstand. I hope you won't forget me. By so doing you will greatly oblige.

FLORENCE WILLIAMS,  
623 North Twenty-seventh Street.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 17, 1903.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a pair of gloves, a game, a watch, and chain and a new tin, a pencil box, a magic lantern and some fire works; anything else you can.

MERLE R. BALL,  
520 N. Twenty-seventh Street.

Richmond, aV., Dec. 17, 1903.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a doll baby, a pair of furniture, a parlor suit, a horn, a little trunk, a ring, a game and a little piano, to put in my little baby house. By so doing you will greatly oblige.

INEZ BALL,  
623 North Twenty-seventh Street, city.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 17, 1903.

Dear Santa: I thought I would drop you a few lines, I wish for you to bring me some Pop-

crackers and some nuts and a help lot of things and some candy and also some dolls for my little sister, for she is very fond of them, and please don't forget my grandmother. She wants a pair of gloves and don't forget my sisters and father for they want something. Dear Santa, I forgot to tell you that I want a Patrol wagon at Cohen's. I saw it in the basement on broad street. My number is 507 Laurel Street. I will close, wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Your little boy,  
WILLIE HINCHMAN,  
Richmond, Va., Dec. 17, 1903.

Dear Santa: I thought I would write you a few lines to tell you what I want. I want a doll baby and a set of furniture and a pair of gloves and a parlor set and lot of nice things. So don't forget to bring me some candy and nuts. So Santa don't forget my father and my sisters and brother. He wants a Patrol wagon. So good by, Santa.

Your little girl,  
JOSEPHINE HINCHMAN,  
My number is 407 South Laurel.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 16th.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a doll and a carriage and a table and candy and nuts and some fire works, too.

I am your little girl,  
BURNACE WHITE,  
I live at 123 North Twenty-third Street, Fairmount.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 17, 1903.

Dear Santa: I want you to bring me a whole lot of things this Xmas, 'cause last Xmas I was sick in the Old Dominion Hospital, and could not half enjoy the things you brought me. My leg is nearly well now. I certainly do want a tea set, doll, a pair of white leggings, a doll carriage; also anything else suitable for a little girl. Brother says bring him a pair of nubes like Mr. Allen's, a rag doll, pair leggings, a horn, and a whole lot of candy.

Your friend,  
MARION HALEY,  
Lloyd, Va.

Chestnut Hill, Va., Dec. 15, 1903.

Dear Santa: I want a wheelbarrow and a game, an automatic engine and track, a Christmas tree, a drawing desk, some candy and nuts and a flag.

Your little boy,  
RUFUS QUARLES,  
Richmond, Va., Dec. 13, 1903.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a goat, jumper, harness and a Christmas tree. I live at 1129 Twenty-third Street.

ROLAND B. LIGGAN,  
Richmond, Va., Dec. 17, 1903.

Dear Santa: I am quite a little girl, but I want lots of things. I want my doll fixed over, a

rocking chair, pair of rubbers, pair of gloves, a doll set of furniture, a pocket-book, and anything else you want to bring; and don't forget my candies and nuts.

Your little girl,  
ERMA JONES,  
1012 W. Marshall St., Richmond, Va.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 16, 1903.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy six years old next birthday. I am a good boy, and want you to bring me an express wagon, a drum and a horn, and some apples, nuts, and candy, and some apples. Santa, I won't ask you for much, for I have a little brother two years old. His name is Travis, and he wants you to bring him an automobile and a boy doll baby and a wheelbarrow. Now, Santa, please don't forget to come. I live 605 S. Belvidere Street, and will go to bed soon.

Good bye, Santa,  
From your little boy,  
WILLIAM SHAUGHNESSY,  
605 Belvidere St., Richmond, Va.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 16, 1903.

Dear Santa Claus: I thought I would write you a few lines and let you know what I want. I want an Indian suit, a pair of gloves, some pop-crackers, some nuts, some candy, orange, apple, roman candles.

Yours,  
HUDSON MATTHEWS,  
Ten years old, 1220 West Cary St.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 16, 1903.

Dear Santa Claus, care of Editor Children's Page:

Dear Old Santa: I want you to bring me a foot-ball, books, games and fire-works and candy and nuts.

Yours truly,  
EDGAR HAZARD,  
No. 728 North Fifth Street.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 17, 1903.

Dear Santa Claus: Please send me a writing desk, a horn and drum, some candy, some nuts, oranges, apples, gum.

Nine years old,  
No. 1220 West Cary Street.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 17, 1903.

Dear Santa Claus: I thought I would write you a few lines and let you know what I want. I want a sailor suit, pair of gloves, some popcrackers, some candy, some nuts, oranges, apples, horn, drum, gun.

Your friend,  
IRVING MATTHEWS,  
1220 West Cary Street.

December 16, 1903.

Dear Santa Claus: Mother says you will soon be here, and I want you to bring me a whole lot of things. Me wants a doll, tarringe, bed, little wing for finger. Mother wants a nice set of fire, and I sink father wants a pipe. For he loves his pipe next to mother, grandma and me. Also bring a lots of good things to eat.

I is your little free-ear-old girl,  
BESSIE E. NUBELL,  
No. 147 Floyd Avenue.

Manchester, Dec. 16, 1903.

Dear Santa: I went up to Cohen's store told you what I want. Now don't forget to bring me tools for my tool chest paper made for me, and some candy and fire-works and nuts and oranges. Oh, Santa, I forgot to tell you about my little brother, he is name Graham Kelley. I wish you would bring him a rattle, and please see if you can't bring him some teeth. I have asked the doctor, and he can't get him any, but I hope you can. He is three months old and I am four years old. Please put my letter in the paper.

Your little boy,  
PAUL KELLEY,  
No. 1403 Sommes Street.

Manchester, Dec. 16, 1903.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl eight years old, and I want you to bring me an emerald ring, a tricycle and trunk and a lamp for my mother.

Your little girl,  
BERNICE KELLEY,  
No. 1106 Sommes Street.

390-12 North Fourth Street,  
Richmond, Va., Dec. 19, 1903.

Dear Santa Claus: I am one of your little friends. I will tell you what I want. I want a nice pair of gloves for school, some cakes, candles, nuts and oranges, some handkerchiefs, a doll dress with a hat, and real hair. A Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I am going to close my eyes light. I am a little girl ten years old.

Good bye, old Santa.

From your little girl,  
MILDRED CORBIN ANDERSON,  
Richmond, Va., Dec. 17, 1903.

Dear Santa: I am nine years old. I want a infant Doll and a game and a book.

Your little friend,  
JOSEPHINE SHACKELFORD,  
2312 Venable Street, city.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 19, 1903.

Dear Santa: I want you to bring me a pretty dressed doll and a trunk full of nice clothes for

her and I want you to bring me a pretty fling, too. Well, good bye, Santa, and please don't forget to come. My name is Carter Ewell Jett, and I live at 213 East Broad Street, Richmond, Va.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 16, 1903.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a dog on rollers and a nice little horse on rollers and some candy, nuts and raisins and some fire-works. Dear old Santa, I have so many things I don't want much. I will try and be a good boy. Now, please hurry up and come and don't forget me, so good by, from your sweet little boy.

ALBERT RALPH SCOTT,  
305 N. Twenty-first St., Richmond, Va.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 16, 1903.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a rattle-train, a nice book, a game, some fire-works and some nuts, and candy, and if you can spare me these things I will try to be good little boy.

CUYLER NAUGHAN,  
210 N. Thirty-second St., Richmond, Va.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 17, 1903.

Dear Santa Claus: I would like for you to bring me a suit of clothes and a foot-ball, and some candy and some nuts and an orange.

Your little friend,  
HUNTER STERLING.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 17, 1903.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a patrol and a bicycle and some candy and some nuts and fire-works.

Your little friend,  
LINWOOD HUBBARD.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 17, 1903.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a doll and a writing desk. I want a picture book and a carriage, and some candy and some nuts and a tricycle.

Your little friend,  
DEXTER PARRISH.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 17, 1903.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a nice doll baby, a fling, a set of furs, a nice story book and a game. As I have no more to tell you, I will just say good-bye to you.

Your little friend,  
RUBY WOODY.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 17, 1903.

Dear Old Santa Claus: My name is Dora Frances Challenor. I am only two years old. This is my first letter to you. I hope you won't forget me. Please bring me a doll and carriage, some dishes and a book, some candies and nuts, and please don't forget my dear old grandma, as she won't write to you. Now, Santa, I live at 610 S. Belvidere. I will go to bed and go to sleep till you come.

Your little friend,  
DORA FRANCES CHALLENGER.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 13, 1903.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl six years old, and I do not want much. I only want a pretty doll and carriage, a set of dishes, table and books and trunk. Please, Santa Claus, don't forget my little sister, Dora. This is her third Christmas, and she says that she won't ask you for much. She wants a doll and carriage, too, and other things you have to spare. We will go to bed soon.

Your little friend,  
MARY LIZZIE CHALLENGER,  
610 S. Belvidere.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 13, 1903.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me some candy, nuts, fire works and express wagon and Billy goat and everything that is nice.

I remain your truly,  
EARL WHITE,  
No. 153 N. Twenty-third St.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 14, 1903.

Dear Santa Claus: I wonder if you will think of me this Xmas as I am so far from home. If you have anything for me please send it to my Aunt Sallie, 231 East Clay Street, and I will get it when I come home. I would like to have a ring, neckchain and a few gaudies. Please bring my little dog Rover some candy. He is with my aunt.

Good by, your little girl,  
ROSA THOMAS,  
Atlanta, Ga.

Dec. 18, 1903.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy six years old. Please bring me a wagon, ball, velocipede, fire crackers, some candy and nuts. Don't forget my two sisters. From your dear little boy, my name is

STANLEY BEADLES,  
1219 Twenty-second St., Fairmount.

Dec. 16, 1903.

My dear Santa:

I am a little girl eight years old. I am going to school. I have been sick three weeks, so please bring me something nice. I will tell you some of the things I would like to have. Please bring me a cradle, mattress and nice large doll,

bed early. I live at 1219 Twenty-second Street, Fairmount. My name is

HELEN BEADLES,  
I want some nuts and candy and oranges and grapes.

Richmond, Va.,

Dear Old Santa Claus: I am a little boy three years old. My name is Luke Challenor. This is my first letter to you. I know you don't forget good little boys like me. Please bring me a drum and a horn, and a wheelbarrow and I will be satisfied, and don't forget my little brother Charlie. He is too little to write. I live at 610 South Belvidere. I will go to bed and go to sleep.

Your little boy,  
LUKE E. CHALLENGER.

Richmond, Va.,

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy five years old. I like dolls and rings, and I would like doll house and a scrap book; a rocker for doll, and one or two chairs, and a couch and a table, and some chairs for the table and a little iron and a clock.

LITTLE M'CAW HUGHES.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 17, 1903.

Dear Santa Claus: I am just three years old and I want a drum and a horn, a horse and iron and a book and a soldier cap to make me a soldier. Please bring these and I will try to be good.

LITTLE DUVAL HUGHES.

Columbia, Va.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy eight years old. I want you to bring me a box of tools, an air rifle, a game of staple chase and just as many good things as you choose to bring. My little sister says bring her a doll and a baby carriage, and a horn and some candy. I forgot to tell you to bring me a whole lot of fireworks to make a big fuss with.

Yours truly,  
WILLIAM OVERTON PAINE.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 17, 1903.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl three years old. Please bring me a Christmas tree, a doll baby, a table, and set of dishes, a pretty iron bedstead and please don't forget my little sister Irene. Bring her a wagon and a sleigh and a rag baby and a silver rattle. Dear Santa I forgot to tell you that I want a tricycle. Now Santa I am a good-girl and so is my sister Irene. We will go to bed room.

Yours truly,  
KATIE PARKINSON,  
No. 211-2 North Fifth Street.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 13, 1903.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring a doll baby that shuts its eyes, doll carriage, trunk, dishes, table and a Christmas tree. I live at 1120 Twenty-sixth Street.

ELEANOR V. LIGGIN.

Manchester, Va., Dec. 10, 1903.

Dear Old Friend Santa Claus: I liked all your presents last year and I thank you for them, and I hope that you won't forget me this year. Please bring me a wagon, with a high seat in front, a step in the back, and side seats. I believe you call it a patrol wagon. Please bring papa and mamma something and don't forget my little cousin, who lives down the street, George. Please have a large box of fireworks in the wagon and anything else you can spare. If you bring me these things I will give you a kiss and a great big hug if only you can catch me before you get back up the chimney.

Your loving little boy,  
MACON LATHAM,  
1061 Hull St., Manchester, Va.

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